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# Utah Highway Patrol Weekly Report



## Shooting incident involving Trooper Randy Linke

Greetings,

On July 29, 2010 someone fired two shots at UHP Trooper Randy Linke while he was working in the Bountiful area. Here are the details we know at this time: The incident occurred Thursday night at 9:30 PM. Trp. Linke was parked on I-15 at Pages Lane in Bountiful working a construction shift. Preliminary information is a vehicle passed by and someone from the car shot two rounds from a pistol at him. Trp. Linke said he heard the shots, got out of his car and discovered one round struck the body of the vehicle just above the passenger side rear tire and one round struck the concrete barrier. Thankfully he was not injured. Trp. Linke seems to be doing well. We are very grateful he was not hurt. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner  
D. Lance Davenport

## Utah Fast Pass

On Monday Aug. 2, 2010 Utah Fast Pass Fancy cars were in the spotlight at the Miller Motorsports Park Monday. Utah Fast Pass provides contributions to the Utah Highway Patrol's Honoring Heroes Foundation, local community projects and scholarships for local high school seniors. Utah Fast Pass showcases rare "cars of limited production" at the 4.5-mile Miller Motorsports Park road course where drivers pushed their cars to the limit. For the next three days, the cars will go on tour around the state to show off their rides and help Utahns. In the first four years of Utah's Fast Pass has been able to donate \$1 million to the citizens of Utah. When drivers tour the state UHP troopers will follow them the whole way to make sure they don't use that Fast Pass on Utah's highways. We want to thank Captain McCleve for his efforts in this project. UHP 911, a Dodge Charger, privately owned by Brian Bacigalupo participated during the event.



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## DUI / Section 16 Weekly Report



During the week of July 27, 2010 through August 2, 2010 the Section 16 compiled the following Stats

DUI Arrest	7
Not A Drop	0
Metabolite	0
Alcohol Restricted	0
Minor in Possession	0
Ignition Interlock	0
Drug Related Arrests	3
Open Container Violation	0
Total Vehicle Stops	45

DUI Squad has selected Zach Randall and Cody McCoy to replace Randy Riches and Brian Spillman.

Lt. Winward, Sgt. Chris Dunn, Trooper Chris Newlin, Trooper Brian Spillman and Trooper Mike Funk attended the North West Alcohol Conference in Park City Utah.

Corporal Lisa Steed received the award for Career Achievement at the North West Alcohol Conference.

## Criminal Interdiction



On August 2, 2010, a corporal stopped a vehicle for traffic offense on I-80 at milepost 105 in Salt Lake County. Three Middle-Eastern males were inside the vehicle. The corporal became suspicious of criminal activity after their stories were not consistent with the innocent motoring public. He deployed K-9 Tank around the outside of the vehicle. K-9 Tank gave a positive indication in trunk of the car. A probable cause search revealed 5 lbs of high grade marijuana and \$5,142.00 inside a suitcase.



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## Fatal Crashes



On July 31, 2010 at approximately 8:17am a fatal vehicle crash occurred on State Road-6 at mile marker 187 which is 8 miles East of Spanish Fork, Utah near Thistle Junction. A red Pontiac vibe, carrying 3 occupants, was traveling Westbound on SR-6 in the inside lane. A semi truck and trailer, hauling brick, was traveling Eastbound on SR-6 in the outside lane. The female driver of the Pontiac vibe drifted over into the center lane of the roadway and continued into the

travel lanes of eastbound traffic. The male driver of the semi saw the Pontiac come over into his lane of travel and tried to take evasive action to miss hitting the vehicle. He was unable to do so. The Pontiac and the semi collided which caused the Pontiac to spin off the roadway while the semi went over into the opposite lanes of travel. The impact caused severe damage on the passenger side of the Pontiac where the two passengers were located. Both died on scene.



On August 3, 2010, vehicle # 1, a Mitsubishi Galant was traveling northbound on I-15 around milepost 75 in Iron County. For an unknown reason the vehicle ran off the roadway to the left and impacted a concrete pillar. The driver was ejected from the vehicle and killed on impact. The driver of the vehicle was 19 years of age. He was from Kearns, Utah. He was the only occupant inside. The fatal accident was investigated by Trooper Bambi Baie.

## From the Field



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On Aug. 2, 2010, Utah Department of Transportation crews inspected Highway 89 near Birdseye for damage following a mudslide. A flash flood hit Sunday Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> and covered parts of the highway. Traffic in both directions was shut down between mile markers 305 and 307 until 1:30 Monday morning. Some cars got stuck in the debris. Again, we're very grateful that nobody was hurt. The slide occurred following severe thunderstorms. UDOT do not think it did any major damage.



On August 2, on I-215 West between 3500 South 4700 South three different fires broke out. UHP also closed one lane on SR 201 in Salt Lake County. Arson investigators came out to the scene. Firefighters responded to five different fires in West Valley City on Monday afternoon. The flames broke out near 3100 South on I-215. But after fire crews arrived, they spotted more fires near 2100 South and 1900 South. UHP Troopers shut down a section of the freeway to help keep firefighters safe.

**Trooper Bert D. Willden, UHP Retired**, passed away July 31, 2010, at the age of 84. He began his career with the Utah Highway Patrol in 1952 and retired in 1982 after 30 years of honorable service. He worked most of his career in the Sanpete and Juab areas. He had many different duties such as; Driver License, Port of Entry, and even helped to train Paul Mangelson, UHP Retired Sgt.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 6, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Ephraim 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 400 East Center. There will be a viewing at the ward chapel in Ephraim, Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.. Burial will be in the Ephraim Park Cemetery with burial with full rites by the Utah Highway Patrol Honor Guard.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Trooper Willden's family.



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